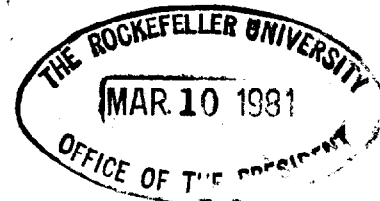


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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I was both pleased and honored to have spoken to you on the phone yesterday. As you suggested, I have enclosed herewith my curriculum vitae and other information on my professional qualifications, including an account of my research plans for the future. I have also included a summary of a recent seminar talk I gave in Extrapolatability of Carcinogenicity data between strains and species, which I gave last week at one of the New York area drug companies. In view of the strong interest in comparative toxicology which you expressed (and is summarized in the March 2 issue of Chemical and Engineering News), I believe that this might well be of substantial interest to you.

I appreciate your offer to help me find a new appointment. As I mentioned to you, I am now without an appointment, my last post at EPA, a one-year temporary post, having expired last week (and there being no chance of renewal or transfer with the current government hiring freezes). I want very much to work in the area of comparative toxicology, especially comparative carcinogenicity and mutagenicity, areas which have been of keen interest to me for many years. I am, of course, very frustrated by the current lack of opportunities in our field due to the endless cutbacks in government support (in terms of inflation-corrected dollars). I would be grateful if you can suggest people I can contact, or your sending* the enclosed material to appropriate people you deem might have opportunities, in order that I might make my contribution to adding to the knowledge base which you said in your World Environment Center briefing was so very sparse and wanting at this time. Please let me know if you want more information on me (reprints, references, etc.). I would be, of course, very interested in whatever opportunities you can offer at Rockefeller University.

Since I am now without an appointment, I would appreciate your acting on this matter at your very earliest convenience. Again, I hope that the enclosed talk summary will be of interest to you (I am now writing this up as a report for EPA.) If you should wish to talk with me by phone, you might call me at home at 513-961-5425. Looking forward to your early response, and thanking you for your consideration, I am

Sincerely yours,

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*You may send the enclosed material to whomever you think can help me to continue my work in comparative toxicology and in mechanisms of carcinogenesis and mutagenesis.